

## 12 Ground Units Of D. C., Maryland Reserves Activated

By Nelson M. Shepard

Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Chief of the Army Ground Forces, today listed 116 ground reserve units activated to date in the Army's postwar Organized Reserve force in which nearly 1,000,000 officers and GI veterans are now enrolled.

District and Maryland ground units activated in the 2d Army Area, one of the six areas in which the Reserve force is being built up, were announced as follows:

The District: Headquarters 317th Glider Infantry Regiment; 1st Battalion, 317th Glider Infantry Regiment; 2d Battalion, 317th Glider Infantry Regiment; 783d Tank Battalion (Armored-drawn type); Headquarters Battery, 423d Field Artillery Group; 484th Field Artillery Battalion (105-mm. Howitzer Truck); and 812th Ordnance Base Depot Company.

Maryland: Headquarters, 319th Parachute Infantry Regiment; 1st Battalion, 319th Parachute Infantry Regiment; 2d Battalion, 319th Parachute Infantry Regiment; 3d Battalion, 319th Parachute Infantry Regiment; and Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 473d Quartermaster Group.

### Offers Manpower Pool

Planned as the largest civilian component of the Army, the framework of the Organized Reserve is being extended rapidly as the Regular Army itself is gradually declining in size. With the National Guard, which is having difficulty in getting men to fill its ranks, the Reserve will constitute the Nation's principal manpower pool for armed preparedness.

All the 116 units activated are Class C units, organized with full officer strength only. The system is so elastic, under Army plans, as to be capable of an expansion to 3,000,000 men in time of emergency.

On reaching a state of organization in which the units will have all of their officer strength and complete cadres of non-commissioned officers, a majority of them will be recognized as Class B units.

Organization of the reserve force was begun by commanders of the six Army areas on July 1. Included among the units formed to date are headquarters for a number of the 25 infantry, airborne and armored type divisions that have been allocated to the program. In addition, immediate activation has been granted, it was announced, for approximately 2,400 more units and detachments of noncombat and supporting services.

### 525,000 Enlisted Personnel

Included in these additional units will be Adjutant General, Engineer, Finance, Medical, Ordnance, Quartermaster, Transportation and miscellaneous organizations. There will also be 21 Army Ground Forces bands.

Approximately 455,000 officers and more than 525,000 enlisted personnel have enrolled in the Reserve. About 72 per cent are members of the ground combat arms, or technical and administrative services. The remaining 28 per cent are members of the Air Force Reserve. More than 20,000 former AAF pilots, all veterans of World War II, have enrolled in the Air Reserve, and nearly 7,000 of them already have qualified and begun flying training. The Air Reserve program will provide training for 22,500 pilots, 27,500 non-rated officers, and 120,000 enlisted men.

As of October 27, it was announced, 60 Air Reserve bases have been

established in 34 States. Organization of the entire program will be completed by July 1, 1947.

Andrews Field, near Washington, and Phillips Field, Aberdeen, Md., are the Air Reserve bases in this area. In Virginia, the bases are in Richmond and Langley Field, Hampton, Va.

The 2d Army Area, in addition to the District, Maryland and Virginia, includes Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. No ground or air units were listed for Virginia.

## Eight D. C. Students to Join In Forum on Delinquency

Eight District high school students will participate in an open forum at the National Conference for Prevention and Control of Juvenile Delinquency to be held here from November 20 to 22.

Attorney General Clark said arrangements for the youth forum were made by the Program Committee of the conference with the District Board of Education and the New York Times. The subject for discussion will be, "What Makes Young People Delinquents?"

The eight local teen-agers selected to participate are: Betty Rosendorf, Central High School; Bessie E. Cobb, Dunbar High School; Barbara Beck, Roosevelt High School; Isabelle McCarthy, St. Patrick's Academy; Martin Wiegand, Woodrow Wilson High School; Robert V. Simon, Eastern High School; Randolph Buck, McKinley High School, and John Barrett, St. John's High School.

Mr. Clark said the youth forum will be presented during the first open session of the conference, on November 20, in the Departmental Auditorium, Constitution avenue between Twelfth and Fourteenth streets N.W.

## 340th AAA Searchlight Guard Unit Formed Here

A new District National Guard unit known as the 340th AAA Searchlight Battalion, with medical detachment, has been granted Federal recognition, the National Guard Bureau announced last night.

Lt. Col. George V. Selwyn is commanding officer of the battalion which now consists of the nucleus of Headquarters and Headquarters Battery. When mustered to full strength, it will have 28 officers, two warrant officers and 622 enlisted men.

Guard officials said the battalion eventually will have 36 searchlight units and three batteries, consisting of about five officers and 178 enlisted men each.

They will be semimobile units equipped with airplane detectors for defensive purposes. Other equipment calls for defensive weapons, generating units, trailers and large trucks.

The medical detachment, commanded by 1st Lt. Franklin Hendrickson, will have a strength of three officers and 12 enlisted men.

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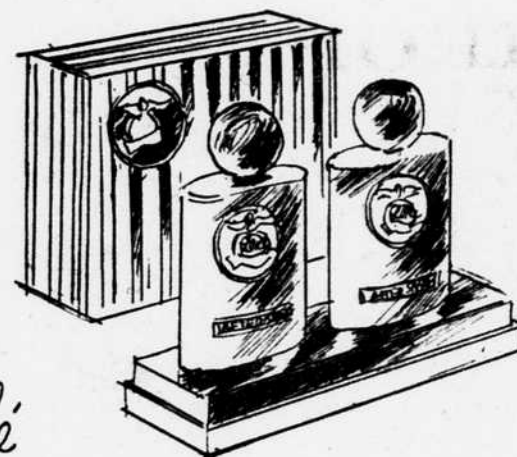
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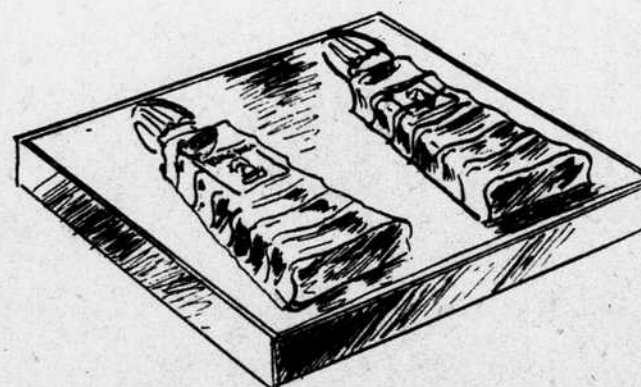
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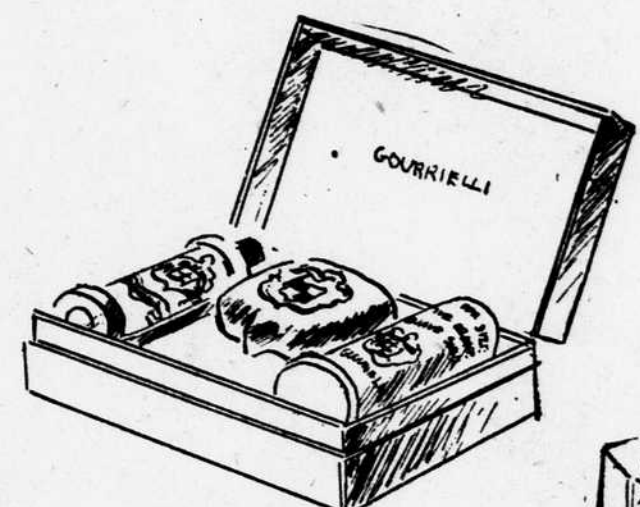


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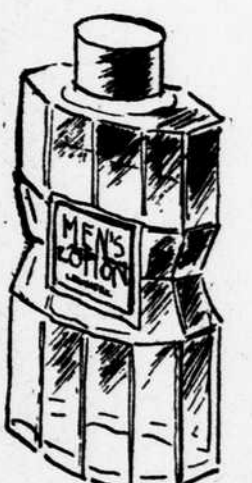
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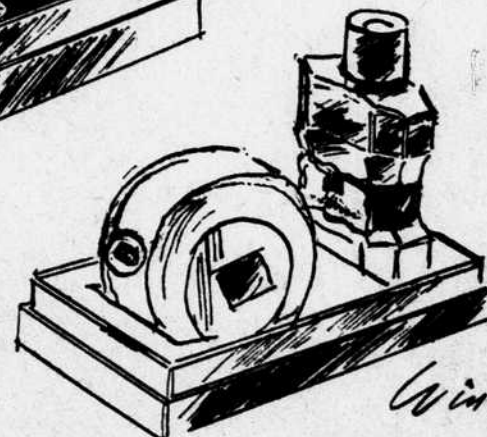


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